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In re Application of:

Gerard W. Ernst, et al

**APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR  
CLEANING OBJECTS HAVING  
GENERALLY IRREGULAR  
SURFACE FEATURES**

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**Amendment**

In response to the Official Action dated April 24, 2004, Paper No. 5, applicant respectfully requests reconsideration in view of the following amendments and remarks. Please amend the application as follows.

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 3 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Drawings** begin on page 6 of this paper and include an attached replacement sheet and an annotated sheet showing the changes..

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 7 of this paper.

Amended drawing figures are attached following page 11 of this paper.